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WEALD OF KENT HEALTH AREA.

TO THE WEALD OF KENT HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting the eleventh Annual Report for the Weald Health Area.

The Statutory Joint Committee for the year was constituted as follows :-

Chairman.

F. G. Bourne, Esq.,

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Office ... .. - The Hill, Cranbrook.  
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By the death of Mr. J.B. Leaver, the Joint Committee suffered the loss of an able chairman. He worked keenly and conscientiously for the advancement of Public Health.

The estimated population of the area increased from 43,480 to 43,850; an increase equal twice the natural increase, though there was variation from district to district.

The rateable value of all districts increased, and is now equivalent to a sum of £18 per house over the whole area.

The number of births was almost equal to that of 1949, and the birth-rate (16.42) compares favourably with that for England and Wales (15.8). The rate was highest in the two more populous and lowest in the two smaller districts.

Deaths increased from 495 to 507, but the death-rate (11.56) remains fractionally less than that for England and Wales (11.6).

It is pleasant to be able to record a decrease in infant deaths from 22 to 12, and that the Tenterden Borough again had none. 75% of these deaths were in infants of under 4 weeks old. Illegitimate births are approximately 6% of live births, but there were no deaths of illegitimate infants, under 1 year of age, in any of the districts.

Deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis increased 30% and notifications also 30%, and these still tend to fall into the higher age groups. There were no deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

Deaths/





Deaths from cancer showed some increase and the number is above the average for the previous five years, if one exceptionally high year is excluded.

It is satisfactory to record that there were no deaths from diphtheria.

Deaths from pneumonia were 30% less than 1949.

There were no deaths from puerperal sepsis.

A large amount of repair work, revealed by the Rural Housing Survey, remains to be done when times and conditions allow.

Improvements in sewage disposal methods are sorely needed in many parts of the area, but in these difficult times, it will be long before these improvements can take place.

Further extensions to water supplies are taking place. Springs and wells remain unsatisfactory in quality though not so insufficient in quantity as in the previous year.

Sellers of ice cream have increased three-fold in the last three years, involving a visit every other working day during the year.

Model Bye-laws for the handling and wrapping of Food have been adopted.

I wish to record my appreciation of the helpful co-operation of the Sanitary Inspectors at all times.

I am, Sirs,

Yours obediently,

A. W. GAYE.

Medical Officer of Health.

"Kingswear",  
CRANBROOK,  
Kent.



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STATISTICS.

	TENTERDEN BOROUGH	CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.	MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.	TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT.	WEALD HEALTH AREA.
AREA (Acres)	8,946	41,315	34,708	38,002	122,971
RATEABLE VALUE. (as at 1st Apl. 1951) .....	£28,871	£80,527	£97,009	£31,784	£238,191.
sum rep. by ld. rate .....	114	312	387	125	938.
NUMBER INHABITED HOUSES .....	1,289	4,332	5,424	2,337	13,382
POPULATION.					
Census (1931) ..	3,472	12,927	15,317	6,315	38,031
Estimated (1950)	4,329	14,580	17,610	7,131	43,650
VITAL STATISTICS.					
LIVE BIRTHS.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.	M. F.
Legitimate ..	27 28	108 114	150 142	60 50	345 334
Illegitimate	3 1	7 9	8 8	1 4	19 22
Total	30 29	115 123	158 150	61 54	364 356
	59	238	308	115	720
BIRTH RATE.					
Crude .....	13.63	16.32	17.49	16.13	16.42
Comparable.	14.86	18.60	17.61	17.10	17.57
STILL BIRTHS.					
Legitimate.	1 -	1 1	1 2	1 3	.4 6
Illegitimate.	- -	- 1	- -	- 1	- 2
Total	1	3	3	5	12
DEATHS.					
(all causes).	30 17	97 103	97 83	40 40	264 243
Total	47	200	180	80	507
DEATH RATE.					
Crude .....	10.86	13.72	10.22	11.22	11.56
Comparable.	7.27	12.35	8.38	8.86	9.13
INFANT DEATHS.					
(under 1 year)					
Legitimate .	- -	4 1	2 2	1 2	7 5
Illegitimate	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Total	-	5	4	3	12
(under 4 weeks)					
Legitimate .	- -	3 -	2 1	1 2	6 3
Illegitimate.	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Total	-	3	3	3	9
DEATH RATE OF INFANTS (per 1,000 live births ..	-	21.01	12.99	26.09	16.66
DEATHS from:-					
TUBERCULOSIS.					
Respiratory.	1 -	2 -	2 1	4 2	9 3
Non-Resp.	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
CANCER.	7 1	15 18	12 12	8 5	42 36
Total	8	33	24	13	78
PNEUMONIA.	1 -	6 7	3 3	2 -	12 10
INFLUENZA.	- -	1 4	1 1	- -	2 5

There was one death in the Cranbrook District from an intestinal infection. There were no deaths from diphtheria, whooping-cough, measles, poliomyelitis and meningococcal infection.





COMMENTS ON THE STATISTICS.

POPULATION. There was an increase by 370 in the population of the whole area; but the Cranbrook Rural had a decrease of 50 and the Tenterden Rural District of 21.

The number of persons per house and the acreage per person remains much the same as in previous years.

Inhabited houses increased by 224.

BIRTHS. The table below shows the figures for the past 3 years.

	Tenterden Borough.		Cranbrook Rural.		Maidstone Rural.		Tenterden Rural.		Weald Area.	
	No.	rate	No.	rate	No.	rate	No.	rate	No.	rate
1948.	74	18.41	233	16.18	352	19.76	141	20.20	800	18.51
1949.	64	15.32	238	16.27	294	16.78	126	17.62	722	16.61
1950	59	13.63	238	16.32	308	17.49	115	16.13	720	16.42

from which it will be seen that Tenterden Borough and Tenterden Rural District show a decrease and Maidstone Rural District an increase.

The birth rate over the whole area has been well maintained, showing only a slight decrease on the previous year, and it compares favourably with that for England and Wales (15.8).

DEATHS. There was a slight increase of deaths in the area, Cranbrook Rural showing an increase and Maidstone Rural a decrease.

The death rate was slightly less than the year before and is fractionally less than that for England and Wales (11.6).

A definite decrease is shown in the number of deaths of infants (under 1 year), and the following table gives a comparison with the previous five years :-

1945.	4	3	6	5	18
1946.	4	10	9	4	27
1947.	2	9	15	2	28
1948.	1	3	12	5	21
1949.	-	10	6	6	22
1950.	-	5	4	3	12

It will be seen that the number of deaths for 1950 is below the average in all districts and is only 52% of the average for the whole area.

Nevertheless these infant deaths remain relatively high in the Tenterden Rural District. Of the twelve deaths in this year, 75% were under 4 weeks and in the Tenterden Rural District all were.

Illegitimate births are about 6% of live births, but there were no infant deaths among them.

Deaths from tuberculosis showed an increase of 33% over those of the previous year; but all the increase was in the Tenterden Rural District which, however, had no deaths from this cause the year before. There were no deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.



Deaths from cancer increased by 12% and <sup>WERE</sup> was just above the average of the five preceding years (if one excludes the year 1948 which had an exceptionally high figure - 102). The figure for males and females together works out at 1778 per million, which is less than that for England and Wales (1889).

Deaths from pneumonia were 30% less than in 1949.

There were no deaths from puerperal sepsis.

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# HOUSING.

## TENTERDEN BOROUGH.

Repairs have been carried out to eight houses. There are 177 applicants on the list for houses.

## CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.

44 new houses were built during the year. There are 360 applicants on the housing list.

## MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.

42 notices were served under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936. Repairs were secured in 39 cases by informal action, 3 by formal notice - 1 being executed in default.

9 formal notices under Section 11 secured reconditioning of the houses.

As tenants from Category (5) houses are rehoused, action is taken under Section 11 to secure reconditioning or demolition. The following were upgraded :-

Category (5) to (1)	- 5
(5) " (2)	- 6
(5) " (3)	- 4

new houses were erected.

There are over 500 names on the list for houses. (Bearsted, Coxheath & Yalding not included).

## TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT.

24 preliminary notices were served and three statutory notices. There were 400 applicants on the housing list. 24 new houses were built.

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## RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

		Cranbrook Rural District.	Maidstone Rural District.	Tenterden Rural District.
Category	I	953	1,166	331
	II	965	1,002	650
	III	711	1,069	) 604
	IV	195	-	
	V	274	262	116
Total		3,098	3,499	1,701

The housing survey is complete except for about 100 houses (mostly farms and owner-occupied) in the Tenterden Rural District.





SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

TENTERDEN BOROUGH.

There was no change during the year. The built up area is completely sewered.

CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.

The partial sewerage and disposal scheme for the northern part of Hawkhurst is nearing completion.

A Ministry of Health Inquiry was held at Kilndown in June, and approval has been given to the scheme, which takes in the whole village.

Outline schemes for Frittenden and Sissinghurst have been prepared and await approval after Public Inquiries. Schemes are in hand for Hawkhurst, Benenden, Iden Green and Sandhurst.

The villages of Cranbrook and Goudhurst are sewered, and Hawkhurst and Sandhurst partly sewered.

MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.

Coxheath hamlet has been sewered. Disposal works to serve the parishes of Loose, Boughton Monchelsea, Linton and parts of East Farleigh has been put into operation. Six parishes have existing works. Coxheath - East Farleigh have 92 premises connected. All Council houses erected during the year are connected to main sewers. A new scheme for sewage disposal works for Linton ~~have~~ been approved by the Council, but not yet carried out.

TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT.

Wittersham and Rolvenden Layne have adequate main drainage. The schemes approved by the Ministry of Local Government and Planning for six villages have not yet been commenced.

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# WATER SUPPLIES.

The following samples were taken for examination :-

	Tenterden Borough.		Cranbrook R.D.		Maidstone R.D.		Tenterden R.D.		Weald Health Area.	
	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b
BACTERIOLOGICAL. (Treated	-	-	8	7	8	8	23	10	39	25
(Un-treated	6	-	15	-	15	-	29	1	65	1
CHEMICAL. (Treated	-	-	2	-	3	-	4	-	9	-
(Un-treated	-	-	-	-	1	1	x 6	6	7	7

NOTE. a - is the number of samples taken.  
b - the number unsatisfactory.

Tenterden R.D. x - One of these was a well contaminated with kerosene during hop-picking.

Cranbrook R.D. Two samples were taken from an open-air swimming pool and were found unsatisfactory. The result was not surprising as the water looked unsatisfactory and the bottom of the pool could not be seen even at the shallow end. It has been shown that the method used to purify the water, i.e. by adding a chlorine preparation direct to the bulk water in the bath is unsatisfactory. Too infrequent changing of the water added to the unsatisfactory condition in which it was found. The use of the pool by the public was stopped.

The percentage of houses supplied direct by the mains is 90% and the supply by standpipes is less than 1%. The details of supply in the individual villages is given in the 1948 report. The figures are fractionally improved by the number of houses built since then.

# MILK SUPPLIES.

The following table shows the number of milk distributors and dairies.

	Tenterden Borough.	Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.	Weald Area.
Distributors	3	14	32	5	54
Dairies	2	6	19 <sup>x</sup>	4	31 <sup>x</sup>

<sup>x</sup> Four of these are producer-retailers.

Cranbrook Rural District.  
One new dairy was constructed.

Maidstone Rural District.  
Normal maintenance repairs have been required in order to maintain a satisfactory standard.

Tenterden Rural District.  
One distributor improved his premises during the year by converting an existing building to a T.T. dairy.

Licences/





Licences to sell milk in the respective districts were granted as follows :-

	Tenterden Borough.	Cranbrook Rural District.	Maidstone Rural District.	Tenterden Rural District.
Accredited	-	-	-	1
Tuberculin- tested	-	7	15	4
Pasteurised	1	1	14	1
Sterilised	-	1	17	-

Shown below are the results of examination of samples:-

	Tenterden Borough.		Cranbrook R.D.		Maidstone R.D.		Tenterden R.D.		Weald Area.	
From :-	No.	Uns.	No.	Uns.	No.	Uns.	No.	Uns.	No.	Uns.
Ordinary Herds	-	-	-	-	7	1	15	2	22	3
Accredited "	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-
Tuberculin- tested "	-	-	7	1	7	1	13	-	27	2
Mixed for Tuberculosis	-	-	1	-	2	-	12	-	15	-
Heat Treated.	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pasteurised	-	-	4	1	7	-	4	1	15	2
Sterilised.	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4	-

Samples of the milk delivered to schools were taken for examination and are included in the above figures.

There is a considerable improvement in the results of examination of samples of the first three categories, i.e. 13.6%, 25% and 7.4% respectively, as against 45% 11% and 19% last year. In these three categories, however, only a quarter of the number of samples were taken. Formerly, sampling at the point of production was included.





ICE CREAM.

There was a 30% increase in the numbers registered for the sale of ice cream during the year. The numbers have trebled in three years. The table below gives the figures :-

	Tenterden Borough	Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.	Weald Health Area.
Producer-Retailers	1	1	3	1	6
Retailers	12	25	31	16	84
Inspections	40	55	51	31	177

With this increase in sellers, a lot of inspection work is involved, equivalent to a visit every other working day during the year.

The result of examination of samples is given in the following table :-

	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV	Total
Tenterden Borough	21	9	10	-	40
Cranbrook Rural District	16	-	7	2	25
Maidstone Rural District	20	13	14	3	50
Tenterden Rural District	12	4	4	1	21
Totals	69	26	35	6	136

Most of the lower grade samples were of ice cream produced outside the area.

Information of unsatisfactory samples was passed on to the sanitary Departments in the producing districts concerned.

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NURSING HOMES.

Shown below are the numbers of Nursing Homes on the list at the end of the year :-

	No. of Homes	Maternity Beds.	Other Beds.	Total Beds.
Tenterden Borough	1	12	12	24
Cranbrook Rural District	3	4	20	24
Maidstone Rural District.	2	27	10	37
Total	6	43	42	85

There is also one Nursing Home in the Tenterden Rural District.

All the homes were inspected (except in the Tenterden Rural District) periodically during the year by the Medical Officer of Health.

There is a lack of nursing and maternity homes, and homes for old people in the area.



INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DISEASE.	TENTERDEN BOROUGH	CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.	MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.	TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT.	WEALD HEALTH AREA.
Scarlet Fever	1	33	25	3	62
Whooping Cough	1	21	16	1	39
Measles	20	45	144	9	218
Diphtheria	-	2	1	-	3
Pneumonia	2	11	26	1	40
Erysipelas	-	4	1	-	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	1	3
Dysentery (Sonne)	-	5	7 <sup>x</sup>	-	12
Acute Anterior (paral.)	-	2	3	1	6
Poliomyelitis (non-p.)	-	-	1	-	1
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	1	-	1
Gastro-enteritis	-	25	2	1	28
Totals	24	149	228	17	419

CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.

Two cases, admitted to hospital as meningococcal infection were not confirmed (one pyrexia of unknown origin and one septicaemia).

MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.

x One was due to the Flexner Bacillus.

One case admitted to hospital as scarlet fever was re-diagnosed as rubella.

Three admitted as poliomyelitis were not confirmed.

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There were considerably less numbers of notifications as compared with the year before (25 - 489 - 205 - 79 = 798).

Special precautions were taken following notice of an influx of child contacts with cases of smallpox in a nearby county.

A case of "Q" fever (an atypical pneumonia due to virus infection) occurred in the Cranbrook Rural District. It was treated by the Practitioner in attendance with Aureomycin with immediate effect.

There were two outbreaks of 'food poisoning' in the Cranbrook Rural District. In the first, six cases occurred in a school. The organism - Salmonella Aertryche - was isolated from the stools of patients, but no food was incriminated.

In the second, in which the organism was not identified, five cases occurred in one household. None of the patients agreed to allow their faeces to be examined, and no food was incriminated. Three returned to their home near Dorking and information was passed to the Medical Officer of Health for that area.

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The model bye-laws as suggested by the Ministry of Health have been adopted by the Authorities in the area. This has considerably strengthened the position in supervision of the handling and wrapping of food. There ought to be more restriction on the selling of root vegetables, liable to cause dust, in the same premises as the sale of such foods as meat.

There was very little infectious disease notified from the hop camps.

Notices were received, through the schools, of the following:-

	Tenterden Borough.	Cranbrook Rural District.	Maidstone Rural District.	Tenterden Rural District.
Scarlet Fever	1	12	12	2
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	25	36	3
Chickenpox	25	37	56	-
Mumps	-	2	23	-
Rubella	-	2	2	5
Conjunctivitis	-	1	-	-
Tonsillitis	-	-	1	-
Impetigo	-	3	3	-
Ringworm	2	-	-	-
TOTAL	28	82	133	10

DIPHTHERIA  
IMMUNISATION.

The figures given for the year are as supplied by the County Medical Officer.

Age Groups.	Tenterden Borough	Cranbrook Rural District.	Maidstone Rural District.	Tenterden Rural District.	Weald Health Area.
Under 5 years.	54	193	237	64	548
5 - 14 years.	1	12	74	-	87
TOTALS	55	205	311	64	635
Supplementary.	13	49	210	10	282

There was an increase in the total number immunised for the first time (1949 - 593), but a decrease in the under fives in the Maidstone Rural District (1949 - 250); and there was a marked decrease in the number receiving supplementary inoculation (1949 - 988).

There were two cases of diphtheria in children.





VACCINATION.

The numbers, given by the County Medical Officer, of children vaccinated against smallpox are shown below.

VACCINATION TABLE.

	Tenterden Borough.	Cranbrook Rural District.	Maidstone Rural District.	Tenterden Rural District.	Total.
(i) Under 1 yr.	29	101	121	50	301
(ii) 1-4 yrs.	17	58	85	29	189
(iii) 5-14 yrs.	6	15	15	-	36
(iv) 15 years & over.	2	11	10	1	24
TOTALS	54	185	231	80	550
Re-vaccinated	9	92	42	3	146

The total figures show an increase of 127 on those for the previous year. Of those done in infancy an improvement is shown in the Cranbrook Rural District in which there was a decrease the year before. In this group, there is a drop in the Tenterden Borough from 36 (1949), but the total vaccinations are slightly increased. At the same time births in the Borough dropped from 64 to 59.



TUBERCULOSIS.

The table below shows the number of notifications, deaths and recoveries during the year :-

	NEW CASES.					RECOVERIES.					DEATHS.				
	Pulmon-ary.		Non-Pulmon-ary.		Total	Pulmon-ary.		Non-Pulmon-ary.		Total	Pulmon-ary.		Non-Pulmon-ary.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
Tenterden Borough.	3	2	-	1	6	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
Cranbrook R.D.	5	3	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	2 <sup>ø</sup>	-	-	4
Maidstone R. D.	3	8	2	1	14	3	2	-	4	9	3 <sup>x</sup>	1	-	-	4
Tenterden R.D.	1	2	1	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	-	-	5
Weald Health Area.	12	15	3	3		3	2	-	5		9	5	-	-	
	27		6		33	5		5		10	14				14

ø 1 chronic tuberculosis - died from malignant disease of the bladder.

x 2 of these deaths were of un-notified cases.

There was a 30% increase in notifications as compared with 1949, all the increase being of pulmonary cases.

Tenterden Borough which had none last year, this year has a number equal to twice the average of the previous five years.

All districts except Maidstone Rural showed an increase, but both Cranbrook and Tenterden Rural remain below the five year average.

There is still a tendency for notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis to fall more than formerly into the higher age groups.





TUBERCULOSIS (Contd.)

The following table gives the figures and averages of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary cases for the previous five years :-

YEAR.	1945						1946						1947						1948						1949						AVERAGES.					
TYPE.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.	P.	N.P.	T.						
SEX.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	M.	F.	M.	F.						
CENTRAL DISTRICT BOROUGH.	1	1	2	4	-	-	2	3	4	-	-	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.6	3.0										
	2	-	6	-	-	2	7	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	2.2	0.8																			
GRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.	4	6	1	11	10	2	-	9	7	1	4	21	2	2	1	1	6	2	3	-	-	5.4	4.0	0.6	1.0	11.0										
	10	-	1	-	12	-	16	5	-	4	2	-	5	-	-	9.4	1.6																			
MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.	3	5	-	2	4	7	1	7	10	6	4	1	4	8	5	5	22	5	6	1	3	5.2	6.4	2.2	3.6	17.4										
	8	-	2	-	11	8	16	5	-	12	10	-	11	4	-	11.6	5.8																			
CENTRAL DISTRICT RURAL DISTRICT.	2	3	2	-	2	2	1	-	1	3	-	1	4	2	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	2.0	2.2	1.0	0.6	5.8										
	5	-	2	-	4	1	4	1	5	-	-	5	6	2	2	4.2	1.6																			
WALD HEALTH AREA.	10	15	4	3	16	11	2	9	23	20	5	6	11	13	7	7	38	8	10	2	4	13.6	13.8	4.0	5.8	37.2										
	25	-	7	-	27	11	43	11	38	-	-	54	24	14	-	27.4	9.8																			





HOP-PICKERS CAMPS.

Shown below are the numbers of camps and pickers.

	Tenterden Borough.	Cranbrook Rural District.	Maidstone Rural District.	Tenterden Rural District.
Number of Camps	5	137	102	16
Estimated number of Pickers (non-resident).	475	14,000	35,000	1,000
Number of Huts	160	4,554	5,883	320
Number of Inspections.	10	431	348	53

Misuse of bins for refuse and of latrines is still one of the main difficulties.

Medical arrangements are made by various voluntary organisations under the auspices of the Kent Council of Social Service. A large amount of work is accomplished.

TENTERDEN  
BOROUGH.

The huts and camps were generally more satisfactory. Work on the huts had been done in the camp that was so unsatisfactory the year before. Latrine accommodation was at first insufficient in one camp. This was rectified after notice was sent to the farmer.

CRANBROOK  
RURAL  
DISTRICT.

Camps on the whole <sup>WERE</sup> well prepared and fairly well maintained.

MAIDSTONE  
RURAL  
DISTRICT.

A good standard of construction was enforced for new huts. Repairs prior to occupation were required to existing huts. Cleanliness of camps was fairly well maintained. Many pickers are asking for the provision of water-closets in place of the existing privies.

TENTERDEN  
RURAL  
DISTRICT.

General condition of the camps on the whole satisfactory. Steps were taken to get latrines rendered more fly-proof. The camps in this district are mostly small and the supervision over them is exercised by the farmer himself.

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

After a considerable period of observation a certificate was given under Section 47, and an old woman was removed compulsorily to an institution for her own sake. After her admission to the Institution, she was visited and appeared happy and contented in spite of her opposition to going in originally. When the time came for reconsideration of her case by the Magistrates, she contracted influenza and this proved fatal.

Quite a number of cases have been seen under these provisions, but in the end they have been persuaded to enter an Institution voluntarily.

Meals-on-Wheels have been successfully established in one district and Darby-and-Joan Clubs in another. They are fulfilling a definite need for old people.



INSPECTIONS BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

	TENTERDEN BOROUGH.			CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.			MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.			TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT.			WEALD HEALTH AREA.		
	Number	Visits	Defects	Number	Visits	Defects	Number	Visits	Defects	Number	Visits	Defects	Number	Visits	Defects
Bakehouses ..	3	14	-	15	36	11	8	16	-	8	26	-	34	92	11
Slaughter- houses....	3	11	-	12	16	1	2	117	-	5	53	-	22	197	1
Other food preparing places (not including ice cream) .....	-	-	-	34	61	19	25	112	2	15	44	-	74	217	21
Factories....	8	10	-	32		3	58	65	4	50	89	1	148	193	8
Workshops ...	-	-	-	52		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	52	30	2
Workplaces...	-	-	-	24		-	-	-	-	4	9	-	28	59	-

The following gives a summary of the four Returns made for the year under the Factories Act, 1937.

	TENTERDEN BOROUGH.			CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.			MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.			TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT.		
	Number	Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.	Number	Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.	Number	Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.	Number	Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.
(i) Factories under Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 .....	9	6	1	52	30	2	11	15	-	23	34	-
(ii) Factories (not included above) Sect. 7) .....	-	-	-	32	29	3	47	50	3	27	55	1
(iii) Other premises (excluding out- worker premises)-	-	-	-	24	50	-	-	-	-	4	9	-
TOTAL	9	6	1	108	109	5	58	65	3	54	98	1

contd.





Inspections by Sanitary Inspectors (Contd.)

	TENTERDEN BOROUGH.			CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.			MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT.			TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT.		
<u>DEFECTS.</u>	F.	R.	HMI	F	R	HMI	F	R	HMI	F	R	HMI
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<u>SANITARY CONVENIENCES.</u>												
(a) Insufficient	-	-	1	6	6	-	2	2	2	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	2	2	-	2	2	1	1	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences (not relating to homework).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL.	-	-	1	21	21	-	4	4	3	2	2	-

N.B. F = Number found. R - remedied. HMI = H.M. Inspector.

There were no prosecutions and no outworkers.





INSPECTIONS BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

	Tenterden Borough.	Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.
OVERCROWDING	-	6	15	4
KEEPING OF ANIMALS	-	8	2	2
SANITARY ACCOMMODATION (insufficient or defective).	7	50	17	17
DRAINAGE (reconstructed or repaired).	6	101	70	39
<u>CESSPOOLS</u>				
Abolished	-	2	3	-
Repaired	-	2	10	2
Emptied	2	344	4,909 (loads)	24
OFFENSIVE ACCUMULATIONS	1	4	12	3
REFUSE RECEPTACLES	-	31	12	12
YARD PAVING	-	22	13	-
DAMPNESS	2	21	18	27
ROOFS & RAINWATER PIPES	6	35	21	17
FLOORS	7	30	15	12
WALLS & CEILINGS	6	54	28	17
WINDOWS & VENTILATION	-	17	15	21
BATHS, LAVATORY BASINS, SINKS.	2	25	37	2
WATER SUPPLIES	8	31	313	60
MISCELLANEOUS	106	97	143	45

FOOD CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR.

TENTERDEN BOROUGH			CRANBROOK R.D.			MAIDSTONE R.D.				TENTERDEN R.D.		
Cwt.	Qt.	lb.	Cwt.	Qt.	lb.	Tons	Cwt.	Qt.	lb.	Cwt.	Qt.	lb.
3	2	6	11	2	115	1	-	-	25	11	-	6

NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

TENTERDEN BOROUGH	CRANBROOK R.D.	MAIDSTONE R.D.	TENTERDEN R.D.
201	2,604	4,134	3,142

